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UNEMPLOYMENT RISES SLIGHTLY

Total Statewide unemployment in the actual series increased by only 7,200 over the month, edging the unemployment rate upward from 8.3 percent to 8.5 percent in mid-September. The number of jobless Texans was estimated at 717,300, down 31,500 from the September 1986 level when the unemployment rate was 9.1 percent. Total employment in the actual series declined considerably over the month to an estimated 7,712,600 in September. Despite the decrease, the current total was still well above the year-ago level.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Sep. 1987	Aug. 1987	Sep. 1986
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	119,884.0	121,615.0	118,244.0
Unemployment	6,857.0	7,088.0	8,015.0
Percent Unemployed	5.7	5.8	6.8
Total Employment	113,027.0	114,527.0	110,229.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	119,861.0	120,302.0	118,272.0
Unemployment	7,089.0	7,221.0	8,285.0
Percent Unemployed	5.9	6.0	7.0
Total Employment	112,772.0	113,081.0	109,987.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	8,429.9	8,590.1	8,227.2
Unemployment	717.3	710.1	748.8
Percent Unemployed	8.5	8.3	9.1
Total Employment	7,712.6	7,880.0	7,478.4
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	8,401.0	8,546.0	8,202.0
Unemployment	716.0	718.0	748.0
Percent Unemployed	8.5	8.4	9.1
Total Employment	7,685.0	7,828.0	7,454.0

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate also inched upward over the month, from 8.4 percent in August to 8.5 percent in September. The current and year-ago rates were the same in both the actual and the seasonally adjusted series for the State, as both were down from 9.1 percent over the year. Contrary to the Statewide trend, the National unemployment rates moved downward slightly in both series. The actual U. S. rate slid from 5.8 percent in August to 5.7 percent in September, while the seasonally adjusted rate declined from 6.0 percent to 5.9 percent. The Nation's rates in both series were the lowest since 1979.

NONFARM SALARIED JOBS TOTAL RISES SEASONALLY

The nonagricultural wage and salary employment total rose by 59,400 in September, as the re-opening of local and state schools and universities generated a large number of additional positions. In mid-September, there were an estimated 6,524,700 nonfarm salaried jobs in Texas, only 2,500 below the year-ago level -- the closest employment has come to its year-ago level in any month this year. Aside from the large increase in the educational sector, only manufacturing and trade registered growth in September.

The state and local sectors of government showed substantial gains over the month, as school workers were rehired for the fall semester. Government rose by 60,400, as

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Sep.'87*	Aug.'87**	Sep.'86**	Sep.'87*	Aug.'87**	Sep.'86**	Sep.'87*	Aug.'87**	Sep.'86**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	50,300	49,100	49,800	78,200	77,600	77,600	357,100	347,000	361,900
Manufacturing	4,800	4,800	4,800	9,800	9,800	9,500	39,800	39,700	40,400
Mining	2,200	2,200	2,300	1,200	1,200	1,400	900	900	1,000
Construction	2,300	2,300	2,400	4,200	4,300	4,300	19,300	19,500	23,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,500	2,400	2,500	5,600	5,600	6,200	11,100	11,100	11,200
Trade	14,200	14,200	13,800	23,600	23,300	23,200	79,800	79,600	81,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,600	2,600	2,600	4,300	4,300	4,400	25,100	25,100	25,700
Services & Misc.	13,400	12,800	13,300	16,500	16,700	16,100	84,400	83,800	84,000
Government	8,300	7,800	8,100	13,000	12,400	12,500	96,700	87,300	94,400
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
TOTAL	127,400	126,600	129,600	57,300	56,400	57,100	64,900	64,500	65,400
Manufacturing	23,900	23,900	25,100	14,900	14,900	15,400	9,600	9,700	9,600
Mining	1,600	1,600	1,500	1,400	1,300	1,300	100	100	100
Construction	7,300	7,600	7,500	5,700	5,800	5,800	2,700	2,700	2,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,400	9,400	10,000	2,200	2,200	2,300	3,000	3,200	3,200
Trade	31,400	31,600	32,300	11,100	11,100	11,300	17,400	17,400	17,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,500	5,500	5,700	2,100	2,200	2,100	3,400	3,400	3,300
Services & Misc.	28,300	28,500	27,700	8,100	8,000	7,800	13,900	14,600	13,400
Government	20,000	18,500	19,800	11,800	10,900	11,100	14,800	13,400	15,200
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 2/		
TOTAL	46,600	46,200	48,400	126,800	125,600	130,000	1,306.6	1,298.6	1,341.5
Manufacturing	3,000	3,000	3,200	11,500	11,500	12,000	223.0	222.7	227.4
Mining	900	800	800	5,400	5,500	6,400	18.8	19.0	19.9
Construction	2,200	2,200	2,300	7,100	7,300	8,900	61.3	63.0	80.3
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,600	1,600	1,700	7,100	7,200	7,100	87.5	87.3	86.7
Trade	10,600	10,800	11,300	34,000	34,400	34,300	350.6	350.5	357.6
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,700	1,700	6,800	6,800	7,000	129.6	130.4	134.2
Services & Misc.	8,000	8,000	7,800	27,600	26,800	27,000	289.4	288.4	289.9
Government	18,600	18,100	19,600	27,300	26,100	27,300	146.4	137.3	145.5
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	187,700	185,700	186,400	517,800	516,500	511,600	70,800	70,400	71,800
Manufacturing	36,800	36,700	36,900	116,500	115,200	114,100	9,000	8,900	9,200
Mining	100	100	200	3,400	3,400	3,500	400	400	500
Construction	9,700	9,700	10,400	29,900	31,200	30,400	3,300	3,300	3,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	10,200	10,200	9,800	28,400	28,200	26,800	4,500	4,400	4,800
Trade	45,500	45,600	45,300	133,400	133,700	136,400	14,000	14,400	14,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	9,900	10,100	9,700	29,100	29,200	28,500	4,400	4,400	4,500
Services & Misc.	36,000	36,600	35,100	114,300	115,100	110,800	13,800	14,000	13,400
Government	39,500	36,700	39,000	62,800	60,500	61,100	21,400	20,600	21,400

the local sector increased by 50,700 and state government gained 12,500 jobs. Federal government had the only decline, as summer workers were released. Among the nonmanufacturing sectors, the only other increase was shown in trade, which rose by 2,400 in September. The primary stimulus for this advance was general merchandise stores, which rose by 3,700 due to increased business. Other trade sectors, however, recorded losses over the month. The largest of these were seasonal declines in apparel and accessory stores and among eating and drinking places.

Finance, insurance and real estate reflected the largest loss in September, as 3,900 jobs were cut. The other finance, insurance and real estate sector bore the brunt of the decline, dropping 2,100 positions, as closings and reductions were prevalent in real estate and in finance firms other than banks. Banking also decreased by 1,000 over the month, while the insurance sector recorded 800 fewer jobs.

Following three months of increases, construction declined by 3,700 in September, as some helpers hired for the summer left to return to school. Numerous seasonal decreases pushed employment in services down by 700 over the month, despite a sizeable advance in educational services as private schools convened for the fall semester. The largest of the declines occurred in other services and miscellaneous, where legal firms lost summer workers and summer outdoor activities sponsored by civic and social organizations drew to a close.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
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Industry	Sep.'87*	Aug.'87**	Sep.'86**
HOUSTON 2/			
TOTAL	1,376.6	1,370.0	1,385.5
Manufacturing	151.5	150.5	150.0
Mining	63.3	63.7	66.7
Construction	85.3	84.7	92.0
Trans., Comm., & Util.	90.2	90.6	93.4
Trade	348.7	349.5	358.0
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	96.9	98.7	102.7
Services & Misc.	353.8	353.7	337.8
Government	186.9	178.6	184.9
LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			
TOTAL	64,600	63,800	65,400
Manufacturing	15,100	15,000	15,100
Mining	3,700	3,600	3,600
Construction	2,800	2,800	3,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,100	3,100	3,100
Trade	17,100	17,000	17,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,900	3,000	3,300
Services & Misc.	11,600	11,300	11,400
Government	8,300	8,000	8,300
MIDLAND			
TOTAL	44,600	43,800	44,100
Manufacturing	3,000	2,900	3,100
Mining	9,300	9,100	9,100
Construction	1,500	1,600	1,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,200	2,200	2,200
Trade	10,800	10,800	10,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,700	2,700	2,900
Services & Misc.	8,800	8,800	8,700
Government	6,300	5,700	5,900
SAN ANTONIO			
TOTAL	496,000	490,100	494,200
Manufacturing	46,000	45,800	48,600
Mining	2,500	2,500	2,600
Construction	31,600	32,500	34,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	18,100	18,200	18,300
Trade	131,800	132,000	128,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	39,400	39,500	38,600
Services & Misc.	117,600	117,100	115,000
Government	109,000	102,500	107,500
TYLER			
TOTAL	59,600	59,900	61,300
Manufacturing	10,700	10,900	11,300
Mining	1,900	2,000	1,900
Construction	2,500	2,600	2,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,800
Trade	16,200	16,200	16,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,600	3,600	3,700
Services & Misc.	13,400	13,600	13,500
Government	8,600	8,300	8,600
WICHITA FALLS			
TOTAL	50,400	50,000	50,200
Manufacturing	8,200	8,300	8,200
Mining	2,000	2,000	2,100
Construction	2,000	2,000	2,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,600
Trade	12,500	12,500	12,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,400	2,400	2,400
Services & Misc.	11,200	11,100	11,100
Government	9,500	9,100	9,500
KILLEEN-TEMPLE			
TOTAL	68,600	69,000	68,700
Manufacturing	8,700	8,800	8,800
Mining	100	100	100
Construction	3,700	3,900	3,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,800
Trade	16,300	16,500	16,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,900	3,000	3,000
Services & Misc.	14,300	14,400	13,900
Government	20,000	19,700	19,700
LUBBOCK			
TOTAL	91,300	89,300	91,900
Manufacturing	7,400	7,200	7,700
Mining	300	300	300
Construction	2,700	2,800	3,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	4,600	4,500	4,600
Trade	28,300	27,800	28,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,300	5,500	5,500
Services & Misc.	21,200	20,900	20,700
Government	21,500	20,300	20,900
ODESSA			
TOTAL	44,400	43,500	44,100
Manufacturing	3,700	3,700	3,800
Mining	6,500	6,500	6,000
Construction	2,200	2,300	2,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,100	2,100	2,100
Trade	13,400	13,200	13,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,600	1,700
Services & Misc.	7,300	7,300	7,300
Government	7,500	6,800	7,400
SHERMAN-DENISON			
TOTAL	38,000	37,400	38,200
Manufacturing	11,300	11,200	11,200
Mining	100	100	200
Construction	1,700	1,800	1,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,100	2,100	2,100
Trade	8,700	8,700	8,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,400	1,400	1,500
Services & Misc.	7,800	7,300	7,500
Government	4,900	4,800	5,100
VICTORIA			
TOTAL	28,200	28,000	28,500
Manufacturing	3,200	3,100	3,100
Mining	1,900	1,900	1,800
Construction	1,800	1,900	2,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,400	1,500	1,500
Trade	8,000	7,900	8,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,500	1,500	1,600
Services & Misc.	5,900	5,900	6,000
Government	4,500	4,300	4,400
LAREDO			
TOTAL	34,600	34,600	34,900
Manufacturing	1,900	1,900	1,800
Mining	2,200	2,200	1,700
Construction	1,200	1,200	1,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	4,100	4,100	3,900
Trade	9,800	9,800	10,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,600	1,600
Services & Misc.	6,000	6,000	6,000
Government	7,800	7,800	8,100
MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION			
TOTAL	87,700	86,600	86,900
Manufacturing	12,200	12,200	11,900
Mining	1,000	1,000	1,100
Construction	4,400	4,500	4,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,900	2,900	2,800
Trade	25,900	25,600	25,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,700	3,800	3,900
Services & Misc.	13,700	13,600	13,800
Government	23,900	23,000	23,300
SAN ANGELO			
TOTAL	36,500	36,300	36,800
Manufacturing	5,800	5,900	6,000
Mining	600	600	600
Construction	1,700	1,800	2,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,100	3,100	3,200
Trade	9,200	9,300	9,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	1,700
Services & Misc.	7,800	7,700	7,700
Government	6,500	6,100	6,200
TEXARKANA			
TOTAL	45,800	45,200	45,500
Manufacturing	7,200	7,200	7,200
Mining	--	--	--
Construction	1,600	1,600	1,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,700	1,700	1,800
Trade	11,300	11,400	11,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,900	1,900	1,900
Services & Misc.	9,100	9,200	8,900
Government	13,000	12,200	12,500
WACO			
TOTAL	78,200	75,800	78,000
Manufacturing	15,000	14,900	14,600
Mining	100	100	200
Construction	3,900	4,000	4,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,400	3,300	3,500
Trade	19,200	19,200	19,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,700	4,800	4,800
Services & Misc.	19,600	18,800	19,600
Government	12,300	10,700	12,100

* Preliminary -- subject to revision. ** Revised.
1/ Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.
2/ In Thousands.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry	Sep. 1987*	Aug. 1987**	Sep. 1986**	Change From Aug. 1987	Change From Sep. 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,524,700	6,465,300	6,527,200	59,400	-2,500
Manufacturing	969,300	964,000	954,800	5,300	14,500
Durable Goods	562,700	558,800	552,900	3,900	9,800
Lumber & Wood Products	36,600	36,400	37,500	200	-900
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,000	7,000	6,900	0	100
Furniture & Fixtures	18,100	18,000	17,900	100	200
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	44,500	44,800	47,400	-300	-2,900
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	19,100	19,200	21,600	-100	-2,500
Primary Metal Industries	28,600	28,500	28,600	100	0
Fabricated Metal Industries	75,800	75,900	75,800	-100	0
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	37,400	37,300	38,700	100	-1,300
Machinery, Except Electrical	105,500	104,400	106,000	1,100	-500
Oil Field Machinery	24,100	24,000	25,600	100	-1,500
Electric & Electronic Equipment	123,600	123,000	119,900	600	3,700
Transportation Equipment	94,800	92,700	85,000	2,100	9,800
Aircraft & Parts	53,500	53,400	47,700	100	5,800
Instruments & Related Products	22,200	22,200	21,900	0	300
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	13,000	12,900	12,900	100	100
Nondurable Goods	406,600	405,200	401,900	1,400	4,700
Food & Kindred Products	100,400	99,200	99,300	1,200	1,100
Meat Products	29,000	28,800	27,500	200	1,500
Dairy Products	5,000	5,000	5,000	0	0
Bakery Products	11,100	10,700	11,300	400	-200
Malt Beverages	3,200	3,100	3,000	100	200
Textile Mill Products	4,400	4,300	4,000	100	400
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	51,400	51,500	50,800	-100	600
Paper & Allied Products	24,000	23,900	22,900	100	1,100
Printing & Publishing	76,100	76,500	76,100	-400	0
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	38,200	38,700	38,300	-500	-100
Chemicals & Allied Products	74,900	74,400	74,200	500	700
Petroleum & Coal Products	32,500	32,700	34,100	-200	-1,600
Petroleum Refining	29,300	29,500	30,700	-200	-1,400
Leather & Leather Products	7,400	7,400	7,300	0	100
Other Nondurable Goods	35,500	35,300	33,200	200	2,300
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,555,400	5,501,300	5,572,400	54,100	-17,000
Mining	192,200	192,400	192,000	-200	200
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	10,200	10,200	10,500	0	-300
Oil & Gas Extraction	182,000	182,200	181,500	-200	500
Construction	370,500	374,200	407,500	-3,700	-37,000
Transportation & Public Utilities	380,900	381,100	374,700	-200	6,200
Railroad Transportation	20,800	20,800	21,600	0	-800
Transportation, Except Railroads	199,300	198,900	190,500	400	8,800
Transportation by Air	57,200	57,100	49,600	100	7,600
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	84,900	85,000	86,200	-100	-1,300
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	75,900	76,400	76,400	-500	-500
Electric Services	41,400	41,900	43,000	-500	-1,600
Gas Production & Distribution	27,200	27,300	26,200	-100	1,000
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,663,800	1,661,400	1,682,000	2,400	-18,200
Wholesale Trade	413,000	413,500	422,200	-500	-9,200
Retail Trade	1,250,800	1,247,900	1,259,800	2,900	-9,000
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	43,900	44,200	46,500	-300	-2,600
General Merchandise Stores	174,500	170,800	163,900	3,700	10,600
Food Stores	233,300	232,800	235,400	500	-2,100
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	131,700	132,100	138,300	-400	-6,600
Apparel & Accessory Stores	76,300	77,100	81,000	-800	-4,700
Eating & Drinking Places	406,000	406,600	405,300	-600	700
Other Retail Trade	185,100	184,300	189,400	800	-4,300
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	436,300	440,200	446,200	-3,900	-9,900
Banking	95,500	96,500	102,100	-1,000	-6,600
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	136,600	137,400	136,400	-800	200
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	204,200	206,300	207,700	-2,100	-3,500
Services	1,373,400	1,374,100	1,370,500	-700	2,900
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	85,200	85,900	86,300	-700	-1,100
Personal Services	80,700	80,800	80,400	-100	300
Business & Repair Services	360,600	361,100	368,900	-500	-8,300
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	52,100	52,500	56,000	-400	-3,900
Health Services	390,400	391,500	375,000	-1,100	15,400
Educational Services	68,200	63,100	69,500	5,100	-1,300
Other Services & Miscellaneous	336,200	339,200	334,400	-3,000	1,800
Total Government	1,138,300	1,077,900	1,099,500	60,400	38,800
Total Federal Government	192,200	195,000	191,600	-2,800	600
Total State Government	246,400	233,900	229,100	12,500	17,300
Total Local Government	699,700	649,000	678,800	50,700	20,900

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.
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	Sep. '87*	Aug. '87**	Sep. '86**	Sep. '87*	Aug. '87**	Sep. '86**	Sep. '87*	Aug. '87**	Sep. '86**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	56,800	57,400	55,500	103,700	105,900	99,400	442,100	443,000	426,400
Total Unemployment	4,500	4,600	5,400	6,800	6,700	6,700	29,500	29,500	24,500
Percent Unemployed	7.9	8.0	9.7	6.6	6.3	6.7	6.7	6.7	5.7
Total Employment 2/	52,300	52,800	50,100	96,900	99,200	92,700	412,600	413,500	401,900
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	164,100	167,000	163,900	84,500	85,500	81,600	96,600	99,400	95,500
Total Unemployment	20,300	20,600	22,800	8,400	8,200	9,100	14,100	13,600	15,500
Percent Unemployed	12.4	12.3	13.9	9.9	9.6	11.2	14.6	13.7	16.2
Total Employment 2/	143,800	146,400	141,100	76,100	77,300	72,500	82,500	85,800	80,000
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	57,400	58,500	57,900	166,900	169,900	165,600	1,454.9	1,483.1	1,421.6
Total Unemployment	3,200	3,200	3,700	19,500	19,000	20,300	98.5	95.6	82.2
Percent Unemployed	5.6	5.5	6.4	11.7	11.2	12.3	6.8	6.4	5.8
Total Employment 2/	54,200	55,300	54,200	147,400	150,900	145,300	1,356.4	1,387.5	1,339.4
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	240,900	242,400	234,900	692,200	711,000	655,700	111,500	114,300	108,300
Total Unemployment	26,500	25,500	30,400	48,000	50,200	42,800	12,400	12,500	12,000
Percent Unemployed	11.0	10.5	12.9	6.9	7.1	6.5	11.1	10.9	11.1
Total Employment 2/	214,400	216,900	204,500	644,200	660,800	612,900	99,100	101,800	96,300
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,629.2	1,664.7	1,613.7	95,400	97,300	90,400	45,300	46,300	44,200
Total Unemployment	147.2	146.6	174.7	8,200	7,700	7,200	6,700	6,600	7,100
Percent Unemployed	9.0	8.8	10.8	8.6	7.9	8.0	14.8	14.3	16.1
Total Employment 2/	1,482.0	1,518.1	1,439.0	87,200	89,600	83,200	38,600	39,700	37,100
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	80,800	82,700	81,100	115,000	115,600	111,400	147,100	147,200	141,100
Total Unemployment	8,500	8,700	10,100	7,500	7,300	7,200	27,900	26,200	27,400
Percent Unemployed	10.5	10.5	12.5	6.5	6.3	6.5	19.0	17.8	19.4
Total Employment 2/	72,300	74,000	71,000	107,500	108,300	104,200	119,200	121,000	113,700
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	52,200	53,000	52,200	57,000	57,600	59,800	46,300	47,200	45,800
Total Unemployment	4,300	4,400	6,500	5,400	5,600	10,600	2,900	2,800	3,400
Percent Unemployed	8.2	8.3	12.5	9.5	9.7	17.7	6.3	5.9	7.4
Total Employment 2/	47,900	48,600	45,700	51,600	52,000	49,200	43,400	44,400	42,400
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	614,500	624,900	583,400	50,600	51,300	48,700	59,100	59,200	57,000
Total Unemployment	50,700	50,000	43,000	4,000	3,800	3,900	4,800	4,700	4,700
Percent Unemployed	8.3	8.0	7.4	7.9	7.4	8.0	8.1	7.9	8.2
Total Employment 2/	563,800	574,900	540,400	46,600	47,500	44,800	54,300	54,500	52,300
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	77,500	79,600	76,500	39,000	39,900	38,600	95,300	95,500	91,500
Total Unemployment	7,100	6,900	7,300	3,400	3,300	4,100	7,900	7,800	7,000
Percent Unemployed	9.2	8.7	9.5	8.7	8.3	10.6	8.3	8.2	7.7
Total Employment 2/	70,400	72,700	69,200	35,600	36,600	34,500	87,400	87,700	84,500
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	58,900	59,900	56,900				8,429.9	8,590.1	8,227.2
Total Unemployment	4,600	4,400	4,800				717.3	710.1	748.8
Percent Unemployed	7.8	7.3	8.4				8.5	8.3	9.1
Total Employment 2/	54,300	55,500	52,100				7,712.6	7,880.0	7,478.4

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).
2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
3/ In Thousands.
*Preliminary -- subject to revision. **Revised.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Sep.± 1987	Aug. 1987	Sep. 1986	Sep.± 1987	Aug. 1987	Sep. 1986	Sep.± 1987	Aug. 1987	Sep. 1986
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 415.00	$ 410.59	$ 402.95	41.5	41.6	41.8	$ 10.00	$ 9.87	$ 9.64
Durable Goods	406.29	407.27	395.22	41.5	41.9	42.0	9.79	9.72	9.41
Lumber & Wood Products	285.22	285.48	281.11	40.4	40.9	41.4	7.06	6.98	6.79
Furniture & Fixtures	276.46	268.00	271.79	40.3	40.3	42.6	6.86	6.65	6.38
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	391.28	391.68	387.64	42.3	42.9	43.9	9.25	9.13	8.83
Primary Metal Industries	420.40	434.92	412.24	40.0	41.5	39.6	10.51	10.48	10.41
Fabricated Metal Products	377.73	367.28	365.24	41.6	40.9	40.9	9.08	8.98	8.93
Machinery, exc. Electric	413.65	421.82	408.93	41.2	41.6	41.6	10.04	10.14	9.83
Oil Field Machinery	477.82	490.36	456.15	40.7	42.2	39.7	11.74	11.62	11.49
Electric & Electronic Equip.	453.25	454.51	434.87	42.8	43.0	43.4	10.59	10.57	10.02
Transportation Equipment	534.67	534.76	521.48	42.3	43.3	42.5	12.64	12.35	12.27
Instruments & Related Prod.	361.49	371.78	343.80	40.3	40.9	40.4	8.97	9.09	8.51
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	260.37	262.68	279.07	37.9	38.8	41.1	6.87	6.77	6.79
Nondurable Goods	424.35	416.48	412.67	41.4	41.4	41.6	10.25	10.06	9.92
Food & Kindred Products	345.22	343.20	345.49	42.1	41.6	42.6	8.20	8.25	8.11
Meat Products	296.42	279.75	273.82	43.4	41.2	41.3	6.83	6.79	6.63
Malt Beverages	786.65	839.45	803.65	44.9	47.4	46.4	17.52	17.71	17.32
Textile Mill Products	303.26	321.30	312.06	43.2	45.0	44.9	7.02	7.14	6.95
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	190.01	201.63	185.86	34.8	37.9	36.3	5.46	5.32	5.12
Paper & Allied Products	473.38	460.04	465.33	44.2	42.4	44.7	10.71	10.85	10.41
Printing & Publishing	401.79	385.52	391.05	40.3	39.5	39.7	9.97	9.76	9.85
Chemicals & Allied Products	676.48	657.94	638.93	43.7	43.2	43.2	15.48	15.23	14.79
Petroleum & Coal Products	673.64	652.75	671.02	43.8	43.2	43.8	15.38	15.11	15.32
Petroleum Refining	694.83	673.38	698.45	43.7	43.0	43.9	15.90	15.66	15.91
Leather & Leather Products	193.60	221.92	215.27	35.2	39.7	37.7	5.50	5.59	5.71
Other Nondurable Goods	408.11	389.80	377.54	44.7	43.7	43.9	9.13	8.92	8.60
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	476.81	485.07	483.59	39.9	40.9	40.4	11.95	11.86	11.97
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	529.05	558.27	487.47	42.7	46.1	41.7	12.39	12.11	11.69
Oil & Gas Extraction	473.22	479.52	483.20	39.7	40.5	40.3	11.92	11.84	11.99
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	492.28	489.50	494.88	39.7	39.7	40.3	12.40	12.33	12.28
Elec., Gas & San. Services	451.93	450.30	431.09	40.1	39.5	40.9	11.27	11.40	10.54
Wholesale & Retail Trade	231.13	233.40	226.69	32.6	33.2	32.2	7.09	7.03	7.04
Wholesale Trade	384.33	387.70	383.55	38.9	39.4	39.5	9.88	9.84	9.71
Retail Trade	186.34	187.77	177.61	30.8	31.4	29.9	6.05	5.98	5.94
General Merchandise Stores	199.29	197.68	187.76	29.7	30.6	29.2	6.71	6.46	6.43
Banking	258.80	272.20	266.66	36.4	38.5	37.4	7.11	7.07	7.13

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 406.55	$ 405.88	$ 398.79	41.4	41.8	42.2	$ 9.82	$ 9.71	$ 9.45
Durable Goods	433.08	435.70	429.14	42.5	42.8	43.0	10.19	10.18	9.98
Nondurable Goods	361.94	356.57	347.62	39.6	40.2	40.8	9.14	8.87	8.52
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	402.40	402.93	409.92	40.0	40.7	42.0	10.06	9.90	9.76
Durable Goods	425.72	425.32	431.63	40.2	40.7	42.4	10.59	10.45	10.18
Nondurable Goods	345.31	350.06	351.74	39.6	40.8	40.9	8.72	8.58	8.60
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	491.48	482.36	479.70	44.0	43.3	43.1	11.17	11.14	11.13
Durable Goods	413.42	413.25	404.39	43.2	43.5	42.3	9.57	9.50	9.56
Nondurable Goods	580.50	559.44	567.60	45.0	43.1	44.0	12.90	12.98	12.90
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	302.88	311.36	298.56	39.8	40.7	40.4	7.61	7.65	7.39
Durable Goods	330.17	341.54	329.27	39.4	39.9	40.6	8.38	8.56	8.11
Nondurable Goods	274.28	281.37	268.67	40.1	41.5	40.1	6.84	6.78	6.70

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.
SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

There was little change in September in mining, as oil and gas extraction declined by 200. This sector is, however, currently above its year-ago level for the first time this year. Offsetting minor gains and losses in September within transportation and public utilities left this sector 200 below its August level. Transportation, except railroads, recorded a moderate increase over the month, while communication and utilities both registered losses.

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Manufacturing continued the trend it has followed every month this year, producing small, widespread increases. Although no one month's growth has been outstanding, the consecutive growth has now added 28,200 jobs in manufacturing during 1987 and this industry is 14,500 above its year-ago level -- the best record of any private sector. Although both segments of manufacturing have added jobs, durable goods has shown somewhat stronger advances during 1987. In September, durable goods recorded 3,900 additional jobs as all but two sectors increased. The largest upturn was in transportation equipment due to a recall of workers and newly-awarded federal contracts. Nonelectrical machinery gained 1,100 jobs over the month, as workers were recalled following layoffs. Nondurable goods employers added 1,400 positions in September. The greatest increase in nondurable goods was in food and kindred products, which rose by 1,200 due in part to seasonal factors. Chemicals and allied products recorded a more moderate advance, while declines occurred in printing and publishing and in petroleum and coal products.

HOURS DROP, EARNINGS RISE

In September Texas had an estimated 626,700 manufacturing production workers, each averaging a work-week of 41.5 hours at $10.00 an hour, for weekly earnings of $415.00. Weekly hours were down 0.1 hour, while hourly earnings were up $.13 over the month, creating a rise in weekly earnings of $4.41 between August and September. Year-ago comparisons reflect a decrease in average weekly hours of 0.3 hour, and increases in both hourly earnings and weekly earnings of $.36 and $12.05, respectively.

QUARTERLY UI BENEFITS PAID BY MSA
3RD QUARTER 1987
July - September 1987

Abilene	$ 1,496,597
Amarillo	2,268,586
Austin	11,522,785
Beaumont-Port Arthur	6,906,426
Brazoria PMSA	3,001,830
Brownsville-Harlingen	2,674,817
Bryan-College Station	1,108,241
Corpus Christi	5,490,490
Dallas PMSA	38,997,261
El Paso	6,786,062
Fort Worth-Arlington PMSA	20,883,741
Galveston-Texas City PMSA	4,609,990
Houston PMSA	51,783,216
Killeen-Temple	1,763,159
Laredo	1,406,881
Longview-Marshall	2,854,867
Lubbock	1,797,046
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	5,446,785
Midland	1,556,919
Odessa	1,560,614
San Angelo	783,960
San Antonio	14,823,405
Sherman-Denison	1,418,610
Texarkana (Bowie Co. only)	862,611
Tyler	2,328,710
Victoria	1,015,151
Waco	3,168,133
Wichita Falls	1,612,189
State of Texas	235,055,230

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Sep. 1987	Sep. 1986
Total Population	16,864,000	16,708,000*
% UI Covered Unemployment	2.1	2.7
UI Covered Employers	315,190	313,857
Total Claims Actions	587,960	855,551
Total Initial Claims Actions	62,589	89,020
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	525,371	766,531
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$155.25	$159.20
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$72,805,366	$113,890,360
Total Placements	28,000	28,184

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